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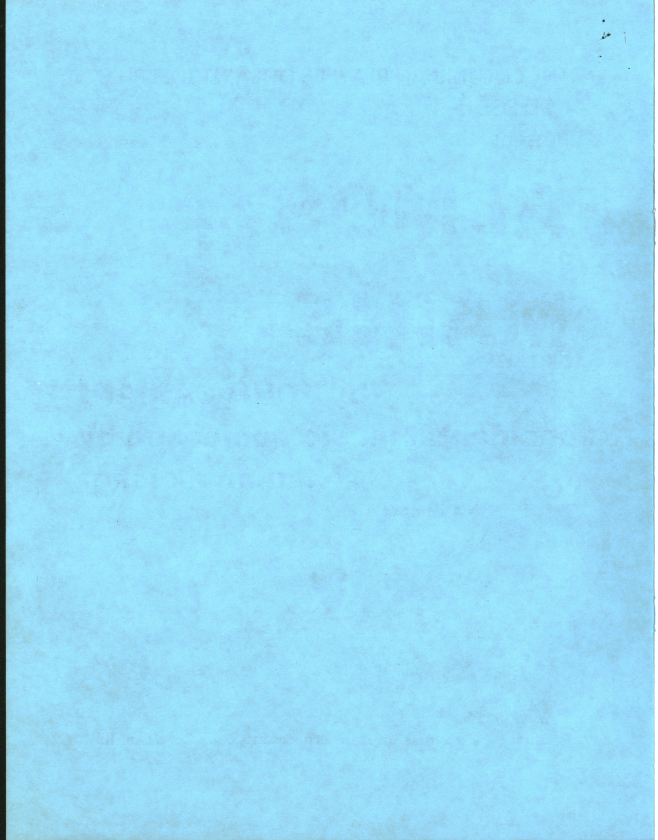
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Directed by John Rahe Lighting by Zach Conrad

Costumes supervised by Olivia Markwalder

Stage Managed by Savannah Carver

Assistant Stage Manager Amanda Rousseau

CAST

Pete, Lendall.....	Ken Scofield
Ginnette, Hope.....	Alycia Tassone
East, Dave.....	Darryl Jordan
Glory.....	Nicola Searsbrook
Jimmy, Phil.....	A.J. Frigo
Sandrine, Marcie.....	Jessica Ruschke
Steve, Randy.....	Tanner Brunson
Marvalyn.....	Megan Hetzel
Gayle, Waitress	Jessie Ruisard
Chad, Daniel.....	Tadd Maddalozzo
Rhonda.....	Veronica Rivera

PLACE: Various locals in Almost, Maine, a small town in northern Maine that doesn't quite exist.

TIME: The present. Everything takes place at nine o'clock on a cold, clear, moonless, slightly surreal Friday night in the middle of the deepest part of the northern Maine winter

PLEASE: no flash pictures during the performance
The Evans Arts and Science Building is a no smoking facility

SCENES

ACT 1:

Prologue: A bench in Pete's back yard

Scene 1: HER HEART: East's front yard

Scene 2: SAD and GLAD: A back table at The Moose Paddy bar.

Scene 3: THIS HURTS: The Laundry room at Ma Dudley's boarding house

Scene 4: GETTING IT BACK: Lendall's house

ACT 2

Interlogue: A bench in Pete's backyard

Scene 1: THEY FELL: A potato field outside town

Scene 2: WHERE IT WENT: A bench at Echo Pond

Scene 3: STORY OF HOPE: A front yard

Scene 4: SEEING THE THING: Rhonda's house

Epilogue: A bench in Pete's back yard

TECHNICAL CREW

Lighting Control.....	Sarah Lawhead
Sound Control.....	Jeremy Butterfield
Running Crew.....	Tori Briscoe, Jessica Hall
Set Construction.....	Amanda Rousseau
	Zach Conrad
	Mary DeVault
	Stephen Greenwood
	Jessica Ruschke
	Alycia Tassone
	Megan Roberts
	T.J. Shields
Costume Crew.....	Amanda Rousseau
	Karolyn Williams
	Mark Rouse
Publicity.....	Jessica Ruschke
	Alycia Tassone
House management and ushers...	The Columbian Players

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MEET THE CAST

Tanner Brunson (Steve/Randy) is a Sophomore from West Lafayette currently Undeclared. Tanner is also involved in Cup O'Joe Coffee House, Intramural Ultimate Frisbee, SJC Vocal Jazz Ensemble and Chamber Singers, Production Under Construction Improvisation Group, as well as Columbian Players. Tanner would like to say "Thank you for coming out and supporting our show. We hope you enjoy the serious moments in the show just as much as the humorous ones."

Savannah Carver (Stage Manager) is a freshman from New Whiteland, Indiana, majoring in Elementary Education. Savannah is also involved in Color Guard, Art Club and Puma Women. Savannah would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to stage manage this show, and would like to tell the cast to break a leg!

AJ Frigo (Jimmy/Phil) is a Freshman from Monon, Indiana with an undeclared major. AJ is also involved in Rugby, Campus ministry, and Team ATF. AJ would like to say thanks to all those who took the time to see us put on this performance. Safe travels and God bless!

Megan Hetzel (Marvalyn) is a Freshman from Valpo with an undeclared major. Megan is also involved with the Rugby Club, The Columbian Players, and The Production Under Construction Improvisation group. Megan would like to say thanks to family and friends for their support.

Darryl Jordan (East and Dave) is a Sophomore from Indianapolis, IN majoring in Mass Communications with a minor in Theater and is also involved in the Improv club. I hope that everyone enjoys the show and can take something from it. (p.s. you should clap really loud to the scenes that I am in...I'm just playing. But seriously)

Tadd Maddalozzo (Chad/Daniel Harding) is a freshman from Peoria, IL, majoring in Criminal Justice and Psychology. Tadd is also involved in campus ministry. He would like to say thank you to his family and friends for being there and making Saint Joseph's a great place to be.

Veronica Rivera (Rhonda) is a Sophomore from Chicago, IL majoring in criminal justice. Veronica would like to say thank you for coming. This is her first play at Saint Joe. We all hope you enjoy and get a great laugh out of it.

Jessie Ruisard (Villian/Gayle) is a junior from Valparaiso, Indiana majoring in business administration. Jessie is also involved in band, choir, Students in Free Enterprise, Ministry Outreach, and is also the President of the Columbian Players. Jessie would like to say, thank you for coming and we hope you enjoy the show!

Jessica Ruschke (Sandrine/Marcie) is a sophomore from Bright, IN majoring in English and minoring in secondary education and theatre. Jessica is also involved with the Observer, Puma Education Association, Campus Ministry, Columbian Players, and Measure. Jessica would like to say that she has enjoyed working with everyone involved in the production and hopes everyone enjoys the show.

Ken Scofield (Pete/Lendall) is a Junior from Roselawn, Indiana, majoring in Biology with a minor in theater. Ken is also involved with Science Club and Production Under Construction, SJC's improvisation troupe. Ken would like to say "Being a late addition, I wasn't sure how well I could integrate into the flow of rehearsals, but the process was a simple and pleasant one. I'm

very excited to be a part of this play, as I saw something special in it when I first read the script. I'd like to thank John Rahe for once again giving me the opportunity to perform on Saint Joe's stage, and all my friends and family for supporting my acting endeavors. Finally, I'd like to thank the audience for coming to tonight's performance. It's not a show unless there's people there to witness it, and I'm positive you all will have a fantastic night of laughs and introspection as the talented performers on stage work their craft."

Nicola Searsbrook -(Glory) is a Freshman from Indianapolis majoring in Psychology. Nicola is also involved in the Colorguard and Winterguard. Nicola would like to say thank you to family, friends, and parents; Jacola and Henry for supporting her every day of her life. I love you.

Alycia Tassone (Ginette/Hope) is a sophomore Mass Communication major and Theater minor from DeMotte, IN. Alycia is involved in theater publicity, TV6 News, and is a radio DJ for 93.3 The Joe. She would love to say thank you to God, to her parents and family for their support, and to everyone who comes to see *Almost, Maine*. "I 'Hope' that you all enjoy this bunch of love stories that we've all worked so hard to perfect. Get lost in the scenes and enjoy the show!"

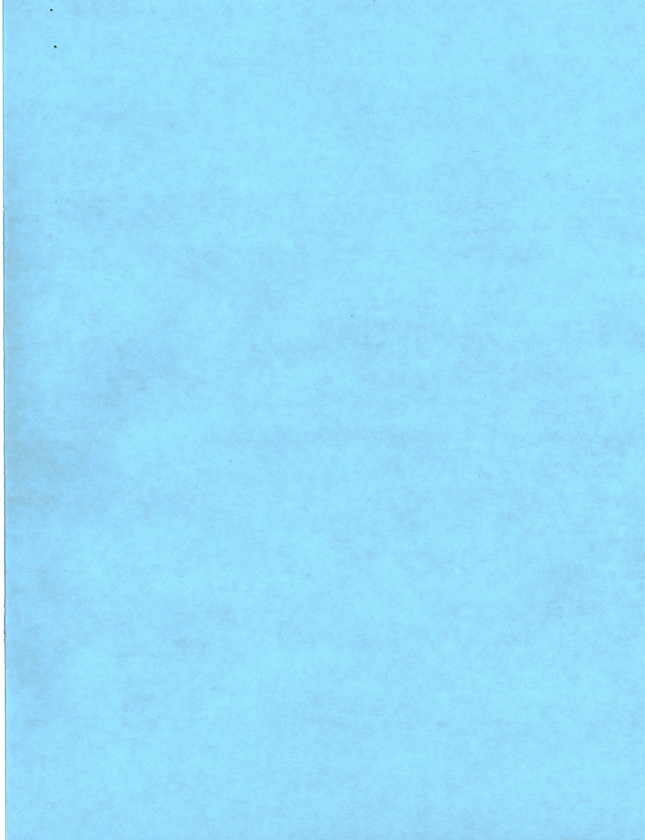
DIRECTOR'S NOTE

According to the Dictionary, the word "almost" is defined as "Slightly short of; not quite; nearly". By choosing to title his play "*Almost, Maine*" author John Cariani seems to be showing us a world made up of almos. The inhabitants of this small town in the unincorporated area of Northern Maine are good people who are shaped, but not warped, by the harsh but beautiful northern environment and who are trying to figure out their lives just like everyone else. All of the characters have a feeling that they are close to the answer and that the final piece is almost here. Against the surrealist setting of the Northern Lights, the Inhabitants of *Almost* are trying to make sense out of love, relationships, and realizing that what they need is right here. The play is funny, sad, and touching and we hope that you enjoy your evening in *Almost, Maine*.

UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS

The 1940's Radio Hour, A musical by Walton Jones.....April 12,13,14

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very excited to be a part of this play, as I felt something special in it when I first read the script. It's like to think, "oh, this is for some special thing, me the opportunity to perform on stage, I can sing, and all my friends and family are supporting my acting endeavors." Finally, I'd like to thank the audience for coming to tonight's performance. It's not a show unless there's people there to watch it, and I'm positive you all will have a fantastic night of laughs and introspection as the talented performers on stage work their craft."

Nicole Bonafant of *Amor & Prejudice* from Indianapolis majoring in Psychology. Nicole is also involved in the Collegiate and Writing staff. Nicole would like to say thank you to family, friends, and mentors, mostly just thank the supporting her every day of her life, I love you. **Alycia Tang** is a comedy writer and performer from Connecticut. She is currently majoring in Theater from DePaul University. Alycia is involved in theater production, TVB shows, and it's radio DJ for 93.3 The Zoo. She would love to see thank you's to God, to her family, and to her friends for their support, and to everyone who comes to see *Amor & Prejudice*. "Hope" that you all enjoy this bunch of love stories that we've all worked so hard to perfect. Get inside the scenes and enjoy the show!"

THEIR TOWN'S HOME

According to the Dictionary, the word "home" is defined as "highly desirable or intimate; usually". By choosing to title his play "Almost Home" writer John Chesler wants to be showing us a world made up of ghosts. The inhabitants of this small town in the woods, located in a part of Northern Maine are good people who are scared, but not warped, by the legends and mythical northern evilnesses and who are trying to figure out their lives just like everyone else. All of the characters have a feeling that they are close to the answer and that the final piece is almost here, signifying the strongest feeling of the Northern Legends and offerings of someone trying to make sense out of love, neighborliness, and realizing that what they need is right here. The play is scary, sad, and touching and we hope that you enjoy your evening at *Amor & Prejudice*.

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The 1940's Radio Hour: A musical by Warren French..... April 12-13, 2014

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